Thank you for your e-mail of 15th February 2021, requesting information concerning Children’s Palliative Care Service, which has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act.

In accordance with the Act, I confirm the information you are seeking is held in part and the following response is issued on behalf of NHS Portsmouth Clinical Commissioning Group.

**YOUR REQUEST AND OUR RESPONSE:**

1. Do you have a children’s palliative care service specification? (Yes/No). If so, please attach a copy to your response to this request.

**No. Locally, Palliative Care Services are delivered through the Childrens Community Nursing Team and forms part of the service specification for this service**

2. Do you have a children’s palliative care service specification which states that infants, children and young people with a life-limiting condition and their parents or carers should have opportunities to be involved in developing an advance care plan? (Yes/No)

**This is included in the overarching Childrens Community Nursing Specification.**

3. Do you have a children’s palliative care service specification which states that infants, children and young people with a life-limiting condition should have a named medical specialist who leads and coordinates their care? (Yes/No)

**As above**

4. Do you have a children’s palliative care service specification which states that infants, children and young people with a life-limiting condition and their parents or carers should be given information about emotional and psychological support, including how to access it? (Yes/No)

**As answered in question 2**

5. Do you have a children’s palliative care service specification which states that infants, children and young people with a life-limiting condition should be cared for by a multidisciplinary team that includes members of the specialist paediatric palliative care team? (Yes/No)

**As answered in question 2**

6. Do you have a children’s palliative care service specification which states that parents or carers of infants, children and young people approaching the end of life should be offered support for grief and loss when their child is nearing the end of their life and after their death? (Yes/No)

**As answered in question 2**

7. Do you have a children’s palliative care service specification which states that infants, children and young people approaching the end of life and being cared for at home should have 24-hour access to both children's nursing care and advice from a consultant in paediatric palliative care? (Yes/No)

**As answered in question 2**

8. Do you have a children’s palliative care service specification which states that infants, children and young people with a life-limiting condition and their families should have access regular short breaks for respite? (Yes/No)

**As answered in question 2**

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If you have any queries about this e-mail, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

**Information Governance**

**Portsmouth City Council, on behalf of Portsmouth Clinical Commissioning Group**